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To: Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Users

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Re: **MEH Release 07-02**

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EFFECTIVE DATE

The following policy additions or changes are effective 02/01/07, unless otherwise noted. **Bold text denotes new text.** Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.

UPDATED SECTIONS
OVERVIEW
CHANGES

The following sections were edited in this release:

4.1.1

New Text was added to clarify when income is available:

New Text:

Note: Available income can include more than a person actually receives if amounts are withheld from unearned income because of a garnishment, or to pay a debt or any other legal obligation.

4.1.5.2

New Text

When an employed MA group member is paid under a contract, **either written or verbal**, rather than on an hourly or piecework basis, determine the period of the contract and then prorate the income from the contract over that period. For example, if the contract is for 18 months, prorate the contract's income over 18 months no matter the number of installments made in paying the income.

**4.8.4, 5.16.7, 5.16.8, 5.16.9;
8.1.6**

These chapters were updated with the Federal Poverty Level increase which is effective February 01, 2007. This information was also communicated in Operations Memo 07-10.

**4.9.8.1 Countable Costs
#3**

Deferred bills may be used to meet a Medicaid deductible. This policy was originally communicated in Operations Memo 07-01. Text and an example were modified.

New Text

Expenses which have been “deferred” by the provider are

considered a countable cost still owed to the provider and can be used to meet a Medicaid deductible.

- The deferred charge should be viewed as an incurred expense that remains an unpaid obligation for the client.
- If only a portion of the deferred charge was used to meet a prior deductible, any remaining balance can be used to meet future deductibles.
- Many deferred charge situations involve very high costs for the services provided, it is extremely important to document in Case Comments which portion of the deferred charges are used to meet previous deductibles, and any remaining balance that can be used to meet current or future deductibles.

5.8.11

Trempealeau County Health Care Nursing Facility was added to the list of Institutions for Mental Disease.